

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

**MARTIN J. WALSH**, Secretary of Labor,  
United States Department of Labor,

Plaintiff,

v.

**SURECLEAN CHIMNEY SERVICE, INC.**,  
d/b/a **SURE CLEAN CHIMNEY AND**  
**MASONRY and SHANE C. CONSTRUCTION**,  
and **SHANE C. ELLISION**, an individual,

Defendants.

Case No.: 21-cv-1024

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, **MARTIN J. WALSH**, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor (“Plaintiff”), brings this action to enjoin **SURECLEAN CHIMNEY SERVICE, INC. d/b/a/ SURE CLEAN CHIMNEY AND MASONRY and SHANE C. CONSTRUCTION (hereinafter, “SURECLEAN”)** and **SHANE C. ELLISION**, an individual, (collectively “Defendants”) from violating the provisions of sections 11 and 15 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as Amended (29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*) (the “Act”), pursuant to section 17 of the Act.

**I**

Jurisdiction of this action is conferred upon the court by section 17 of the Act. 29 U.S.C. § 217.

**II**

(a) Defendant **SURECLEAN** is an Indiana corporation having its main office and place of business at 6117 N. Oakland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220, which is within the

jurisdiction of this court and is, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was, engaged at that address in operating a business engaged in chimney cleaning and repair and general masonry services.

(b) Defendant **SHANE C. ELLISON**, an individual, owner and operator of Defendant **SURECLEAN** is and, at all times hereinafter mentioned, actively supervised the day-to-day operations and management of **SURECLEAN** in relation to its employees. At all times hereinafter mentioned, **SHANE C. ELLISON** is and was engaged in business within Marion County at 6117 N. Oakland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220, within the jurisdiction of this court. **SHANE C. ELLISON** acted directly or indirectly in the interest of **SURECLEAN** in relation to its employees and is an employer under section 3(d) of the Act.

### III

Defendant **SURECLEAN** is and, at all times hereinafter mentioned, was engaged in performance of related activities for a common business purpose, constituting an enterprise within the meaning of section 3(r) of the Act.

### IV

Defendant **SURECLEAN** at all times hereinafter mentioned, was an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce within the meaning of section 3(s)(1)(A) of the Act in that said enterprise at all times herein after mentioned had employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce, or employees handling, selling, or otherwise working on goods or materials that have been moved in or produced for commerce by any person and in that said enterprise has and has had an annual gross volume of sales made or business done of not less than \$500,000.

## V

Defendants, employers subject to the provisions of the Act, have repeatedly violated the provisions of sections 11(c) and 15(a)(5) of the Act, in that they have failed to make, keep and preserve adequate and accurate records of their employees and of the wages, hours and other conditions and practices of employment maintained by them, as prescribed by regulations (29 C.F.R. § 516) issued by the United States Department of Labor. Records kept by Defendants failed to show adequately and accurately, among other things, the hours worked each workday and the total hours worked each workweek, with respect to many of their employees. Specifically, Defendants failed to maintain records of the hours worked each workday and each workweek for all employees; records of daily or weekly earnings for all employees; and records of total wages paid to all employees including cash payments.

## VI

During the period since April 1, 2019, Defendants have repeatedly violated the aforesaid provision of the Act. A judgment which enjoins and restrains such violation is expressly authorized by section 17 of the Act.

**WHEREFORE**, cause having been shown, Plaintiff prays for a judgment against Defendants as follows:

- a. For an Order pursuant to section 17 of the Act, permanently enjoining and restraining Defendants and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and those persons in active concert or participation with them from prospectively violating the provisions of sections 11 and 15 of the Act; and
- b. For an Order awarding Plaintiff costs of this action; and

c. For an Order granting such other and further relief as may be necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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